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1. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (FMT) HAS NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY BY LETTER OF DECEMBER 13 THAT AEROFLOT WILL DISCONTINUE ITS WEEKLY ROUND TRIP SERVICES MOSCOW - BERLIN/SCHOENEFELD - FRANKFURT/MAIN EFFECTIVE THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. INSTEAD, IT WILL OPERATE AN ADDITIONAL DIRECT MOSCOW - FRANKFURT/MAIN SERVICE, MAKING A TOTAL OF THREE WEEKLY DIRECT SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.
2. COMMENT: WE GATHER FROM REMARKS MADE BY AN FMT OFFICIAL THAT THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR DISCONTINUING THE SERVICE IS COMMERCIAL; PASSENGER LOAD FACTORS ON THE ROUTE HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF FOR POLITICAL REASONS THE GDR AND THE USSR PLAN CONTINUING RESISTANCE TO A LUFTHANSA INTERMEDIATE STOP AT BERLIN/TEGEL ON LUFTHANSA'S MOSCOW ROUTE, THE FACT THAT AEROFLOT IS NOT EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE FRG/USSR BILATERAL TO AN INTERMEDIATE STOP AT SCHOENEFELD COULD
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